

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1016

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Look Twice, Save a Life program of CMT/ABATE, Inc.

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the streets and highways of our State and its cities; and

WHEREAS, many thousands of Tennessee residents and visitors enjoy motorcycling as an energy-efficient mode of transportation and as an enjoyable recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and knowledge of the rules of the road, combined with the development of good riding/driving skills, are necessary for the safe operation of all vehicles; and

WHEREAS, education of both motorcycle riders and operators of other motor vehicles is necessary to reduce the pain, suffering, and economic losses caused by traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Look Twice, Save a Life motorcycle awareness program was conceived by the members of the Wheels of Thunder charter of Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Toward Education (CMT/ABATE, Inc.), a citizen activism group established in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Look Twice, Save a Life program provides partner cities and towns with multiple high-visibility road signs that are displayed within city limits in order to promote awareness of motorcyclists on streets and roads; additionally, CMT/ABATE coordinates public events to celebrate the placement of the signs and the support of the communities for the sign program; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost of this pilot program was funded by the volunteer members of the Wheels of Thunder charter in the Memphis area; Wheels of Thunder continues to finance

the program along with other generous donors, such as the statewide CMT/ABATE organization and the Motorcycle Rider Education Program of the Tennessee Department of Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Safety and Awareness team of CMT/ABATE is promoting motorcycle awareness in other states as well; and

WHEREAS, additional projects of the Look Twice, Save a Life program are the distribution of litter bags at welcome centers and businesses across the State; the designation of May 2 as Motorcycle Awareness Day at the Sounds stadium in Nashville; and the distribution of yard signs, tee shirts, bumper stickers, and key fobs with the program's message statewide; and

WHEREAS, for their dedication to advocating motorcycle awareness, the advocates of the Look Twice, Save a Life program of CMT/ABATE, Inc., have proven deserving of honor and acclaim; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the advocates of the Look Twice, Save a Life program of CMT/ABATE, Inc., and offer our sincerest thanks for their efforts in promoting motorcycle awareness for the good citizens of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.